

Portland People Like Southern Baptists

By James Lee Young
PORTLAND, June 12 — They like Southern Baptists in Portland, Ore., although the local citizenry doesn't know much about them, as a rule. "I really don't know a whole lot about them. They're just about like any other organization, though they are very courteous and easy to work with. They know organization," said an official of the Portland Coliseum Complex management team. Thousands of Southern Baptist converged from 50 states on the City of Portland, beginning last weekend. They overlapped the annual Rose Festival and Parade of Roses, Portland's biggest event of the year.

With conferences beginning on Sunday, June 10, the Baptists began working and meeting toward their one biggest event of the year, the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-14. Portland residents and business people said they are glad the Baptists came here. They have found the Baptists, for the most part, to be a congenial group (s) of people, and the added boost to the economy, not to mention public relations possibilities, hasn't hurt either.

The contribution by Southern Baptists began modestly last Saturday, with the Parade of Roses, which any Portland resident will tell you, "It's the best in the country." Parade officials said attendance along the parade route hit 350,000 up to 50,000 over last year. Obviously, Southern Baptists didn't contribute all of that number, but with more than 16,000 persons expected to attend the sessions in the Coliseum, June 12-14, plus conferences beginning Sunday, June 10, attendance was helped.

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High Court Takes Tough Stand In Judging Obscene Material

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Pornography's "protection" under past definitions of the U. S. Constitution was handed a lethal blow here by the U. S. Supreme Court. The Court was divided, 5 to 4, as it held that material does not have to be "utterly without redeeming social value" to be declared obscene and-or pornographic.

It also returned to the local community the right to define pornography. The majority said that local community standards, not national stand-

ards, may be followed in determining whether material is obscene. The Associated Press, in its lead bulletin from the Court's press room, was brutally frank. The decision, it said, reversed the Court's "decade-long trend toward permissiveness." In New York, a Jesuit priest, Father Morton A. Hill, onetime dissenting member of the Presidential Commission on Obscenity and pornography and the national president of Morality in Media, said:

"Today... the U. S. Supreme Court effectively began the job of damming up the flood of pornography that has been inundating the country in the past few years." Four President Nixon appointees and one Justice named by President Kennedy endorsed the majority decision. They were Chief Justice Burger, who wrote the decision, and Justices Blackmun, Powell and Rehnquist, all Nixon-appointed members, and Justice White, who was named to the bench by President Kennedy.

Dissenting were Justices Douglas, Stewart, Marshall and Brennan. Justice Burger made plain in his decision that his primary target was hard core pornography. He wrote: "One can concede that the 'sexual revolution' of recent years may have had useful byproducts in striking layers of prudery from a subject long irrationally kept from needed ventilation."

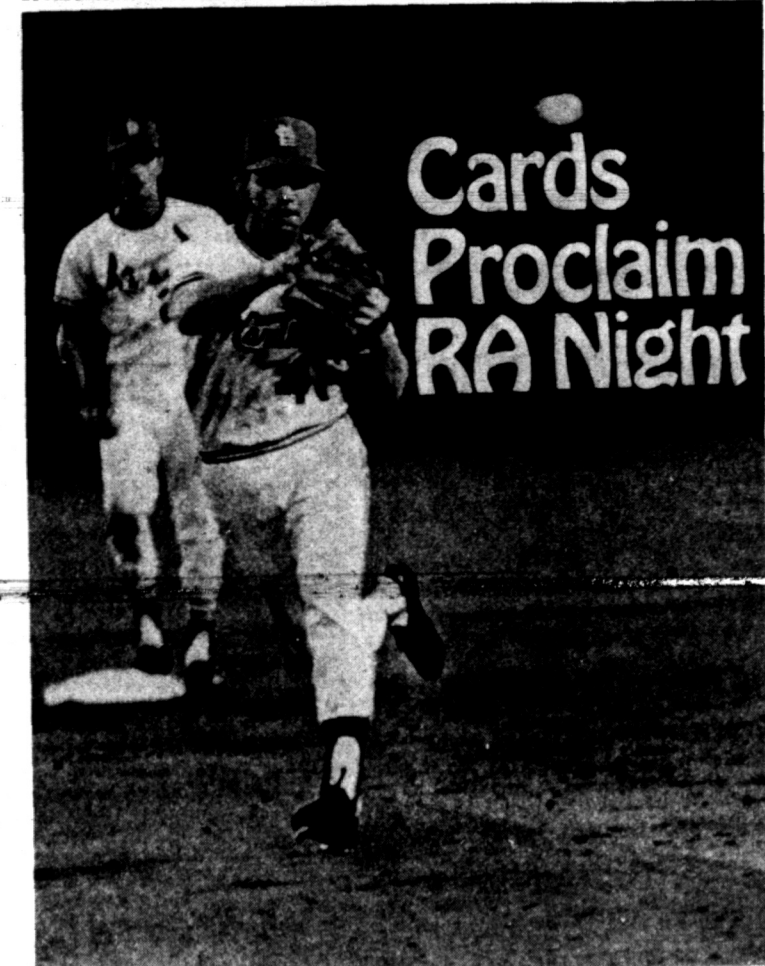
"But," he said, "it does not follow that no regulation of patently offensive 'hard core' materials is needed or permissible; civilized people do not allow unregulated access to heroin because it is a derivative of medicinal morphines." The Chief Justice suggested that it was noteworthy that for the first time since 1957 the Court's majority "has agreed on concrete guidelines to isolate 'hard core' pornography from expression expressed by the First Amendment."

In guidelines for judge and juries (Continued on page 2)

Special Board Meeting Will Consider New State Executive

A special called meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be held Thursday, July 5 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Building in Jackson. Dr. Robert L. Hammons, of Tupelo, president of the body, said the purpose of the meeting would be to hear and act upon a recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Board for the election of a new Executive-Treasurer to succeed Dr. W. Douglas

Hudgins, who will retire at the opening Tuesday night session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention on Nov. 13 of this year. The Executive Committee of the Convention Board, Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, chairman, in 1971 was given the responsibility of nominating to the Convention Board for election a person to fill the office of Executive Secretary-Treasurer "when such vacancy occurs."



Cards Proclaim RA Night

St. Louis Cardinals To Host Royal Ambassadors

The St. Louis Cardinals baseball team will host teenage Royal Ambassadors during pre-congress activities planned for the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress in St. Louis, August 14-16. RA NIGHT at the Cards vs Houston Astros game, Monday, August 13, is one of several activities planned before the Congress officially opens Tuesday, August 14. Cardinal management officially proclaimed RA NIGHT and extended an invitation for Royal Ambassadors to prepare a 15 minute pre-game show. North Carolina's delegation led by

David Langford, an associate in the RA program, is coordinating the pre-game activities. Langford said the activities will include recognition of teenage Royal Ambassadors attending the game, a Royal Ambassador, representative throwing out the first ball of the game, and possibly a "parade of nations" featuring flags from countries where Southern Baptists have mission work. A special section has been reserved for Royal Ambassadors attending the game. Tickets, at \$3.00 each, are available from state Brotherhood desks. (Continued on page 2)

Pastors Urged To Prepare For Effective Ministry

By Robert O'Brien
PORTLAND (BP) — Pastors attending the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference examined ways to equip themselves for more effective ministry, then set a precedent by selecting a father-son combination as their president and vice president. At a day long meeting at the Memorial Coliseum, the pastors elected Jaroy Weber, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., and his son, Billy Weber, pastor of Northway Baptist Church, Dallas, as conference president and vice president.

Harold Coble, pastor of First Baptist Church, Midway, Calif., was elected secretary.

R. G. Lee, the silver-named, silver-tongued orator of another Southern Baptist era, closed the annual session preceding the 116th meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention with an hour-long exposition on what it was like "when preachers preached."

The 86-year-old pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., lived up to his promise to preach a sermon, not a sermonette. Sermonettes produce Christianettes, he explained.

Lee, former Southern Baptist Convention president, challenged his "young" listeners to "mount up like eagles" in their preaching.

"When preaching gets out of date, Christianity will be out of date. Preaching must be magnificent, not mediocre."

Lee led his listeners through a star-studded roster of great preachers from the Old Testament of the 20th century.

"Sermons have changed lives. But preachers must preach the word of God. Preachers who don't do that have their brains close to the coffin lid."

Lee shared the podium at the final session with a battery of other preachers and a missionary.

Jess Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., chided "Bible quoters" who spend so

much time defending the deity of Christ that they forget his humanity.

"Most of the New Testament was written to prove his humanity to a gnostic world."

Miss Rachel Saint, a well publicized missionary to the Auca Indians in Ecuador who won converts among the Indians who speared her brother to death, described efforts of the Wycliffe Bible Translators to reach all dialects and spread the Christian message in competition with Black

Magic, occultism and devil worship.

S. Franklin Logsdon, a Bible teacher from Largo, Fla., also warned pastors to equip themselves against Satanic powers which oppose the Christian gospel. He reminded them of the scriptural injunction that "the word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword."

Joseph B. Underwood of Richmond, Va., consultant for evangelism and church development at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, told

the pastors how spiritual renewal has swept the world through foreign mission efforts as he plugged for involvement in a world reconciliation movement.

In an earlier session, speakers challenged fellow ministers to broaden their perspective on ministry and to avoid binding themselves to a one dimension approach.

The men emphasized personal evangelism, unwavering faith in God's leadership, keeping the spiritual household (the church) in order, keeping personal "equipment" in repair, and "plugging in" to God's "power source."

Padgett C. Cope, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., said personal witness to non-Christians is "obligatory, not optional."

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Seminary Extension Representative Named For State

Therman Bryant has been appointed Seminary Extension representative for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Mr. Bryant, who is in "service" guidance director and director of World Missions Conferences for the Cooperative Missions Department of the Convention Board, will take initiative in promoting Seminary Extension work throughout the state and carry his new duties along with his regular work.

The Seminary Extension Department (Continued on page 2)

Ring Out The Bells

"Operation Patriotism"

On July 4th the United States of America will mark its 197th year as a free nation — under God. It all started in Philadelphia in 1776 at two o'clock in the afternoon when the Continental Congress approved our manifesto of freedom.

Under the sponsorship of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution, at exactly 2:00 p.m. (E.D.T.) on Wednesday, July 4th, at Independence Hall in Philadelphia a descendant of a Signer of the Declaration of Independence will tap the Liberty Bell. This action plus the simultaneous ringing of the Liberty Bell thirteen times, once for each of the original states, will be carried by telephone wires to loudspeakers set up at some twenty simultaneous official state celebrations from coast to coast. (It will be heard at 11:00 a.m. in California, at 8:00 a.m. in Hawaii.) Join this ceremony in your community by endorsing the ringing of church bells to coincide in time and purpose with the commemoration to be held at the symbol of our nation's freedom!

Before the days of rapid communication, ringing of bells was the standard way of celebrating the events of Independence Day. Help us revive this old tradition. Help us to bring back the patriotic spirit which has made it possible for this nation to survive and grow through peaceful times, prosperity, depressions and wars. Let the bells ring out in towns and cities throughout the land, pealing the good news of America's Independence!

Some years ago, Congress passed a resolution that the Signers of the Declaration of Independence should be annually observed by the ringing of bells throughout the nation at this hour. Legislatures have approved the idea and Governors in the separate states have issued proclamations. Our clergy and congregations can join with all patriotic Americans in this observance.

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Christian Citizenship Sunday - - July 1

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Now is the time for Christians to exercise their responsibility to be good citizens. It is not too late. Disclosures of grave immorality in government, such as the Watergate conspiracy, call attention to the need for Christian citizenship.

Perhaps in the providence of God, messengers to the 1972 session of the Southern Baptist Convention acted with greater wisdom than they were aware of at the moment when they designated July 1, 1973 as "Christian Citizenship Sunday." This action was

intended to urge Southern Baptists to use the Sunday just prior to Independence Day for a consideration and celebration of Christian citizenship.

Churches can be of help in channeling the enthusiastic patriotism which surfaces every July 4, commemorating the nation's birth in 1776, into constructive forms of year-round citizenship involvement. In the context of Christian celebration, sermons, discussions, and special programs can be planned to help individual Christians effectively translate their God-given hopes for America into the kind of civil activity which will bring honor to the nation and glory to Christ.

Christian Citizenship Sunday may be used as a time of intensive study of biblical passages, such as Romans 13: 1-7; 1 Peter 2:9-14; Matthew 22: 21; and 1 Timothy 2:1-3, which rightly relate man to the civil order.

Christian Citizenship Sunday may be used to rehearse once again, through both the spoken word and music, the classical thoughts about citizenship which have been recorded in the documents of democracy and the annals of church history. Keen awareness of a citizen's heritage often brings about more meaningful involvement in the present — which, in turn, will be a part of tomorrow's heritage.

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SBC Religious Educators Assess Watergate Affair

By Theo Sommerkamp

PORTLAND (BP) — Watergate reflects the quality of American life, including what is preached and taught in its churches.

This assessment of the national crisis came from speeches given at the annual conference here of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association. The association's two-day meeting preceded opening of the 116th meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the closing address to the conference, a Texas pastor said, "This unbelievably squalid affair has seriously affected the international diplomacy of the United States."

Peter McLeod, of First Baptist Church, Waco, Tex., joined an earlier speaker to the conference, Joe David Heacock of Fort Worth, in putting Watergate in a biblical context.

Playing on the term "watergate," McLeod cited Nehemiah 8:3 in which Ezra appeared in "the street that was before the water gate" of Jerusalem

to read the law and call the people to repentance.

McLeod, a naturalized American citizen of Scottish birth, declared the people of the United States, experiencing their own Watergate, should let it call them to national repentance and a turn to God.

"Watergate," according to McLeod, "is not a glass through which we look. It is a mirror in which we see ourselves."

He enumerated other evidences of misconduct on the American scene to support his viewpoint — false advertising from Madison Avenue, college students cheating on their examinations, businessmen juggling their expense accounts.

"What I want to know is this. What were all those preachers doing in the White House on Sunday morning? What were they preaching? How were the people responding?"

In an earlier address, Heacock said obedience to Bible teachings would have prevented scandals and corruption in high places.

Heacock did not elaborate on the warning in his speech, but told a reporter later he did not intend to refer to any present or future situation in Southern Baptist life. Rather, Heacock explained, there have been Watergate-like happenings in the history of Southern Baptists as a denomination.

The religious educators, representing churches, denominational boards, and educational institutions, heard success stories on various forms of special ministry by churches.

Harold K. Graves, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., said they should not equate material prosperity with success on the spiritual level.

"We have spent billions of dollars not only on adequate buildings but often on lavish, extravagant, seldom-used buildings," he reminded the group.

"We have often judged our efforts as have our peers by the size and elegance of our church plants, if not alone by the figure of attendance for 75 minutes each Sunday morning," Graves added.

"We have been too content to build a place to gather, organize to bring them in, and count our efforts successful when the numbers grow whether or not the people grow and mature," he said.

He deplored what he termed "self-centeredness in the church."

The conference had heard reports that many Southern Baptist churches today are growing and expanding their outreach into new areas and finding new worshippers through a bus ministry. One church, for example, sends out about 25 school buses on Sunday morning to bring in almost 500 children from various parts of the city.

Graves commented that this ministry too should be carefully evaluated.

James L. Sullivan, president of the SBC Sunday School Board, told the religious educators the denomination has come full cycle through rapid growth, hard work, crisis and upheaval, and adjustments to changes in national life during the past 20 years.

"I am the most optimistic I have ever been as a pastor and denominational leader," Sullivan said. He indicated Southern Baptists may be on the verge of another period of growth and expansion such as they experienced in the mid-1950's.



NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS' OFFICERS—New officers elected at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association, which met in Portland, Ore., this week, are (left to right) William E. Young, supervisor of the children's section, church training department, Baptist Sunday School Board, re-elected secretary-treasurer; Helen May (seated), Sunday School department of Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria; vice-president; Melva Cook, editorial coordinator, church services and materials division, Baptist Sunday School Board, assistant secretary-treasurer; Luke E. Williams, Jr., minister of education, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., president; and Charles A. Tidwell, associate professor of church administration, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, vice-president and president-elect.

High Court Takes Stand

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at the local level, Justice Burger said: "The basic guidelines must be: (1) whether the average person, applying contemporary standards, would find the work, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest... (b) whether the work depicts or describes in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by the applicable state law and (c) whether the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value."

Most observers saw the Court's decision as supporting the efforts of local

district attorneys. They no longer need worry, it was said, about so-called permissiveness in, say, New York City, when they prepare cases in their home communities. Some prosecutors had complained that "expert testimony" be the basis of determination. The films provide the best evidence, the five Justices held.

In their agreement with the Burger opinion, Justices White, Blackmun, Powell and Rehnquist expressed support of the efforts of states "in stemming the tide of commercialized obscenity."

In the cases covered by the decision, the Court: —Ruled that a film does not receive Constitutional protection when it is presented for an "adults only" audience.

—Ruled that a book can be ruled obscene upon the basis of its writings, that photographs and-or illustrations are not the sole basis for judgment. A non-illustrated book could be banned under the "community standard" doctrine.

—Ruled that Congress may pass laws to prohibit the interstate transmission of materials deemed obscene and-or pornographic. This, it was said, included such transport agencies as commercial airlines and trucking companies.

Weaver Chosen As Clinical Chaplain, Mental Health Complex

Rev. Arthur E. Weaver, an accredited clinical chaplain, has joined the staff of the Pine Belt Regional Mental Health and Retardation Complex, Hattiesburg, according to Dr. Scotty Hargrove, director of the Complex.

Mr. Weaver will serve as Family Counselor and Coordinator of Pastoral Services for the newly established mental health and retardation complex, the agency of the Region XII Mental Health and Retardation Commission.

Mr. Weaver, native of Calhoun City, moved from the Northeast Georgia Community Center in Athens, where he served as clinical chaplain for two years.

Mr. Weaver formerly spent 16 years in the pastoral ministry, including two years as associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

MONROVIA, Liberia — A group of 360 boys, young men and counselors marked the 10th anniversary of Royal Ambassadors in Liberia during the Eighth National RA Congress here. Using the theme, Go Tell His Story, the group reviewed their 10-year history and looked to the challenges of the future.

Two Youth Choir Clinics July 13

Billy Jack Green, pictured, coordinator of Youth Choir Demonstration Clinics, and minister of music 1st, Columbia, announces two locations for youth choir clinics on Friday, July 13.



Mr. Green will be the same for the two simultaneous events, one scheduled for First Church, Cleveland, and the other for Parkway, Natchez, beginning with supper (purchased by each individual) and special singing groups performing during the meal.

Choirs of differing sizes have been invited to serve as demonstration choirs, followed by a mass choir composed of all youth in attendance. Music to be sung by the mass choir at each clinic will be "For the Beauty of the Earth," by Red (Broadman); "Get All Excited," by Galtier (Benson); "I Can Do All Things," by Ford (Carl Fisher); "Morning His Broken," by Powell (Word). These numbers may be brought by youth choir members attending, but if this is not possible, they may be purchased from those who do not have it.

The guest conductor for the clinic at First, Cleveland, is to be Dr. James Coleman, head of music department, Ole Miss, and at Parkway, Natchez, James Hayes, minister of music, First, Hattiesburg.

During the mass choir rehearsal there will be a leadership conference led by a pastor-minister of music team.

All youth choir groups are invited to attend either clinic of their choice. These are sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Department, Dan C. Hall, director.

Mrs. Weatherspoon, Former Missionary, Dies In Georgia

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Mrs. Emily Lansdell Weatherspoon, formerly a missionary to China and president of Carver School of Missions at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., (1961-68) died here June 10, at University Hospital after an extended illness.

Mrs. Weatherspoon was buried June 12 in her native Hephzibah, Ga. She was 59 at the time of her death. She had been assistant professor of English at Georgia Southwestern College since September, 1967.

A missionary teacher at the University of Shanghai, China, from 1948 until 1949, Mrs. Weatherspoon was forced to leave China during the Communist takeover in 1949.

She was married to Jesse B. Weatherspoon, a faculty member at Southern Seminary for almost 30 years. Weatherspoon, author of many religious textbooks, died several years ago.

Surviving Mrs. Weatherspoon are two brothers, C. H. Lansdell of Jackson, Miss., and R. Addison Lansdell Jr. of Hephzibah and two sisters, Mrs. Franklin T. Walker of Reno, Nev., and Mrs. Ben S. McMurray of Augusta, Ga.

St. Louis Cardinals - - -

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partments or from Cardinal Tickets, Pioneer Royal Ambassador Department, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38104.

The three-day Congress is expected to draw more than 5,000 teenage Royal Ambassadors who will take part in a march through downtown St. Louis and an afternoon of personal witnessing and mission activities.

Southern Baptist Entertainer Grady Nutt heads the list of Baptist personalities who will participate in multi-media presentations during the Congress. Others include former astronaut James Irwin, humorist Jerry Clower, singers Claudia and David Wells, Recording Artists Russ and Helen Cline, and Brotherhood Commission Executive Director Glendon McCullough.

Congress registration is \$5.00 per person. Registration forms and more Congress information are available from State Brotherhood offices or from FIFTH NATIONAL ROYAL AMBASSADOR CONGRESS, Baptist Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38104.



Moscow Church Baptizes 28

Twenty eight new converts were baptized into the Moscow Baptist Church March 13, the first of four or five baptismal services planned for 1973. More than 2000 persons crowded into the 1200 seat church sanctuary. Among the candidates for baptism was Miss Debora Dewala Diaomadi of the Republic of Chad, a predominantly Moslem and Animist country in Central Africa, who is in the USSR as a student at the Moscow Medical Institute. Following the service, the choir of the church invited all those who had been baptized to join them in brotherly fellowship.



Holy Land Trip Is Graduation Gift To Pastor

Members of First Church, Coldwater, have given their pastor and his wife an all-expense paid trip to the Holy Land. The trip was presented to Dr. and Mrs. Anthony S. Kay upon their sixth anniversary as pastor of the church, and at the time of Dr. Kay's graduation from New Orleans Seminary. Dr. and Mrs. Kay left June 25 on a David-Meir International Study League Tour. Points of interest will include Athens, Crete, Rhodes, Cairo, Israel, Istanbul, Patmos and other key locations. They will return to the States on July 10. Pictured are members of the Holy Land Trip Committee, and Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Kay. From the left are, Miss Earline Embrey; Randolph Brantley, chairman of the committee; Dr. and Mrs. Kay; and Curtis Clark, chairman of deacons. Not pictured — Cecil Hawks.



Children Present "Boy Who Caught The Fish"

New Hope Church Children's Choir of Foxworth, presented a musical drama, THE BOY WHO CAUGHT THE FISH, June 8 and 10. The composer of the musical is Jack Coleman. The musical tells the story of two friends who give their five loaves and two fishes to a little boy who finds himself giving it to Christ, who performs the miracle of the feeding of the 5000. Pictured are Rusty Thomas, narrator; Randall Stringer, Joel; Tammy Stringer, Kim; and Sedgie Stringer, Jason; Jack Pounds, playing drums, Cathy Magee, pianist; and Gary Hodges, music director at New Hope, directing. The musical will be presented in several churches through the area. Rev. C. Lonnie Earnest is pastor.



Day Care Workshop Has Record Registration

An all-time high record of 285 people were registered for the Day Care-Kindergarten Workshop held June 18-19 at Broadmoor Church in Jackson under sponsorship of the Sunday School Department. A part of the large group is seen at lunch on Tuesday.



Orientation Held For HMB Missionaries

A special orientation session for Home Mission Board summer missionaries from other states appointed to work in Mississippi was held recently in the Baptist Building under direction of the Cooperative Missions Department, with Rev. Jerry St. John, associate in the department, in charge. The group, along with several state leaders, and several visitors, is seen in photo above.

The Convention President Speaks

For many months, some of us have been working on an ad hoc committee to get Billy Graham in Jackson for a state-wide crusade. We have met, discussed, prayed, written letters, met with members of the Graham Team, and representatives from every denomination we have been able to get together. We have been assured by various members of the team that they are interested in coming here, but thus far, we have been unable to confirm a date.

You can help. This is what I am trying to get across at this point. As I have already mentioned, we want this state-wide and not just locally. It also includes all conventions and denominations. When you read these words, will you please do two or three things? First, immediately pray about it. All of us know if this is not of God we would not want it. So pray immediately upon reading these words and as many other times as it comes to your mind. Second, let me hear from you. It is our opinion that interest manifested from all parts of the state would enhance our efforts. So please drop me a line sharing your interest and support. I realize we do not have specific dates, therefore, you cannot be specific. Third, solicit support from your friends of other religious bodies in your area and ask them to let us hear from them, also.

As soon as we know something more definite, we shall be equally more specific. As I said in my opening sentence, at the present we are working as an ad hoc committee and presently, this is the only way we know how to function. — David Grant.

Seminary Extension - - -

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ment of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, located in Nashville, will provide general counsel and assistance. Part of the assistance from the Seminary Extension Department will be financial aid for use in the promotion of Seminary Extension work in Mississippi.

The financial aid will be based on the number of course enrollments by pastors of churches affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

A native of Pontotoc, Mr. Bryant holds both B. A. and Master of Education degrees from the University of Mississippi.

His background includes service as an administrator and teacher in public schools and 9 years as academic dean at Clarke College, Newton, prior to joining the State Board.

Other state conventions having a representative on their state mission board staff are Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Christian Citizenship - - -

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Christian Citizenship Sunday may be used to launch a program of Christian citizenship development. Following a brief overview of how some congregations have previously performed this ministry, attention can be directed to local issues such as intelligent voting, community political processes, and the difference one church can make in relation to these matters. Other topics to be discussed might include freedom and responsibility, love and justice, and a free church in a free state.

The time is right for thoughtful consideration and implementation of the Christian's role in political affairs. No easy solutions exist for the complex problems confronting our nation. Governmental structures and leadership need the insights, counsel, and active participation, as well as the prayers, of Christian citizens.

A time-tested proverb warns that all that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. This truth is especially relevant today. A person may be a good citizen without being a good Christian but one cannot be a good Christian without being a good citizen! Celebrate Christian citizenship on July 1. And keep it up.

Oak Grove To Build New Auditorium

Oak Grove church near Prentiss is preparing to erect a new modern auditorium which will include the latest baptistry arrangements wherein the pastor stands on the outside while immersing the candidate. Dr. John E. Barrow is the interim pastor.

Oak Grove has only 100 resident members, with 70 enrolled in Sunday school and an average attendance of 52. Church Training has an enrollment of 42 with an average attendance of 33. The church gives 10% to the Cooperative Program, and 5% to Jeff Davis Association. The church also is in the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record.

Gary Magee, age 14, was recently the Sunday morning speaker in a special youth service.

Prayer must mean something to us if it is to mean anything to God.

At SBC Pastors' Conference: Pastors Are Urged To Prepare...

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Emphasizing the importance of personal soul winning as an essential piece of equipment for pastor, Copes said, "We just seem to swap members and not go out and win souls for Christ. All the religions of the world are in search of God. Christianity is not just a religion but a way of life."

"Faith is the principle by which God operates in the world," said J. C. Mitchell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winter Park, Fla.

"Faith is the key that moves God out of heaven and down to earth. Our church members want to see the power of God at work," Mitchell said.

A Virginia pastor confronted the pastor - husband - father who must lead two families - an earthly one and a spiritual one.

"The personality traits in the households of faith should be community, communion and communication," said Charles Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke.

He defined the church as being "God's thoughtful provision in an unbelieving world."

Harper Shannon, pastor of Huffman Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., talked about the pastor's personal "equipment" - a sense of divine calling, an inner compulsion that the ministry is God's will, an outward compassion of others, intellectual stimulation and a willingness to do God's will.

Both Shannon and Jack Taylor, pastor of Castle Hills First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., emphasized that the pastor's equipment is useless

without the power of God's Holy Spirit.

"Those pieces of equipment are dead appliances unless they are plugged in to the Holy Spirit," Taylor said.

"Great is the controversy regarding the Holy Spirit. I hope we stop being divided on the definitions. It doesn't matter what we call it as long as we have it."

E. V. Hill, a black pastor from Mount Zion Baptist Church, Los Angeles, evoked a homerun type response by creating an imaginary situation in which he served as the Pope of Southern Baptists.

"If I were Pope of Southern Baptists, I would make it a sin for all preachers to just preach a first base gospel in which man only reconciles

dead appliances unless they are plugged in to Jesus Christ.

"Man must proceed to the second base of reconciling himself to his fellow man. When a man departs from the Gospel, he's not liberal, he's lost."

Hill explained that the third base gospel is community development by Christians before going to home base.

"Love that Jesus gave us requires a response - a response of touching hands of men from every corner of the globe. The alternative is that God will take away the enthusiasm of Southern Baptists and move on to somebody else."

Weber addressed the pastors on "Preaching to Broken Hearted People" just before they elected him president.

"As preachers, we must come to

know our people, our own lives and the gospel. When you stand up to preach, there is a broken heart on every pew. In an effort to reach the masses, preachers often forget about lonely souls.

"Pastors must know their own hearts better than their names. Let your congregation know that the same problems in their lives are present in yours," Weber said.

John Bisagno, a former president of the pastors' conference, preached on how pastors become evangelists.

"Most of us don't have the gift to reach thousands like the super-evangelists. But there are special things important to God as equipment for becoming evangelists," Bisagno said.

"Pastors thwart the will of God

when they play the role of the preacher superhuman. Whatever you do, be yourself. God made each man and each is important to Him."

Clyde Martin, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Macon, Ga., told the pastors, "We are preaching to a new breed of mankind. The church must be aware we no longer live in the spiritual awakening of the 1700's. Modern man is now experiencing a fall second only to the Genesis fall."

Martin said that in the year 2,000 more than six billion people will fill the world, more than twice today's population, and the biggest growth will come within the heart of the cities. He called for churches to break out of the beautiful walls of the sanctuary to take the Word to a world outside.

Southern, American Executives Hold Joint News Conference

By Jim Newton

PORTLAND, June 13 — American Baptists and Southern Baptists are moving both closer together and farther apart, but will not move completely together in organization, the new general secretary of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. said here.

Robert Campbell of Valley Forge, Pa., made the comments in a joint news conference with his counterpart, Porter W. Routh of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary - treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Campbell said he felt in some respects the two Baptist bodies were moving closer together, while in some other elements, they are moving farther apart.

In moving closer together, he cited, for example the statement issued Wednesday by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission dealing with immorality in government and the courage of racism.

"That sounded just like what I hear at the American Baptist Churches meetings," Campbell said.

Asked to spell out how they were growing farther apart, Campbell was admittedly less specific, but said it was largely because of "prejudice and history."

"We are forever creating caricatures of one another based primarily on our prejudices and on past history," he explained.

Campbell said he felt most Southern Baptists are stereotypes by American Baptists as "Southern racists," and that most Southern Baptists think of American Baptists as being "wild-eyed liberals." Both pictures are false, he said.

"We can do a lot more together than we can do apart," Campbell said, "but I'm not saying we need to move into union tomorrow."

"I always see union as a possibility, but I feel that Christian community is much better without union," he continued. "I'm not for getting together just for the sake of getting together. That's phoney!"

Routh pointed out that the two Baptist groups already cooperate closely in such organizations as the Baptist World Alliance, the North American Baptist Fellowship Committee, and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Asked about the extent of the so-called "charismatic movement" in the ABC, Campbell said the neo-Pentecostal, or speaking-in-tongues, movement has made "great inroads" in ABC churches.

He estimated that perhaps 10 percent of the churches' pastors have either had a charismatic experience or were vitally interested in it.

Routh, questioning the definition of terms, said he felt only about two percent of Southern Baptist pastors were involved in the "tongues" movement, but that a much greater percentage were deeply involved in the renewal movement which seeks a deeper dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

Campbell cited two major concerns of a positive nature for American

Baptist Churches, and two negative ones. On the positive side, he listed emphases on Key 73, an ecumenical evangelism effort; and the Fund for Reconciliation, an effort to raise \$7½ million for Progressive (black) National Baptist churches.

Negative concerns include the need for more leadership among women, blacks, hispanic, and Asian groups; and the controversy developing over homosexuals within the church.

Uncle Sam

The origin of Uncle Sam as a symbol of the United States may go back to the War of 1812, when one Samuel Wilson of Massachusetts supplied meats for the American forces. According to a legend, the meats were stamped with the letters "U. S." to indicate Government ownership. But the meat handlers assumed the markings were the initials of the supplier, known as Uncle Sam Wilson.

New Bible Institute To Be Established In Newton, With Branch In Jackson

A new Bible school is planned for opening in Mississippi this fall. The institution already has been chartered by the state as Calvary Bible Institute, Incorporated, and will be located in the Calvary Baptist Church at Newton.

Heading the institution will be Rev. Clifford Estes, pastor of Calvary Church. Teachers in the beginning will be four men who all formerly have served or are now serving on the faculties of other Baptist institutions. All have doctor's degrees. Classes will be open to all persons who are interested in furthering their education in the field of Bible study and church work.

An extension of the school will be established in the McDowell Road Baptist Church, Jackson, where Rev. John Hilbun is pastor.

Schedules of classes and the exact date of opening will be made later, but the plans now call for beginning the works in September, 1973.

In announcing the school, one of its leaders, Dr. O. P. Moore, states that it was the result of a Baptist pastor having a "vision" and sharing it with some of the members of his congregation.

That pastor was Rev. Clifford Estes. He shared his dream first with Rev. O. P. Moore, a former Bible teacher at Clarke College. Later it was discussed with Dr. John F. Carter, who still teaches at Clarke College; with Dr. Edwin McNeely, musical and song-leader who formerly served on the faculty of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; and with Dr. James L. Clark, also a former professor at Clarke College. All enthusiastically approved of the idea, and then it was brought to the congregation. Decision was made to organize the school and apply for a charter.

Early in the developments contact was made with Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla., with the possibility of the new institution being connected with that school. That institu-



FATHER-SON OFFICER TEAM—A father and son were elected president and vice-president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference at its meeting this week in Portland, Oregon. Jaroy Weber (center) pastor of the Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., and his son, Billy Weber (right), pastor of Northway Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., were elected president and vice-president. Harold Coble (left), pastor of First Baptist Church, Midway, California, was elected secretary.

tion felt that the new Mississippi school should be an independent institution, similar to others which are now being founded, but did promise to allow credit for work where specifications were met.

Leaders of the new Institute say that they have found encouragement from all with whom they have conferred about it. They hope to use wide publicity and promotion in order to reach the widest possible number of students.

Speaking for the group, Dr. O. P. Moore stated that one of the main reasons for starting such a school, was the fact that there are so many preachers and other church workers who need more educational opportunities. He quoted the following statement from the Baptist Record of August 10, 1972.

"Statistics released by the Research Services Department of the Sunday

School Board reveal that of the 30,000 Southern Baptist preachers, about 21,000 have not had as much as two years of seminary work, and 16,000 of these have never been to the seminary at all. This is more than half of our pastors. Moreover, 11,500 of these preachers are not college graduates, and 5,500 have never been to college. These figures reveal that there is positive need for extra training for thousands of our pastors."

Dr. Moore said, "This is where Calvary Bible Institute will come in. It is going to reach out to that group who have never had, and may never have otherwise, the opportunity to

Baptists Are Summoned To Exert Influence In 'Communities Of Need'

CHICAGO (BP) — Representatives of seven Baptist conventions in the United States and Canada have called upon Baptists of North America "to exert a dynamic new spiritual, moral, and social influence in the communities and areas of critical need."

The group met in Chicago at the call of Kenneth L. Chafin of Houston, North American regional director of the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, a program of the Baptist World Alliance.

Joseph B. Underwood of Richmond, Va., international chairman of the Mission of Reconciliation, reported that 98 Baptist conventions and unions in 85 countries are participating in the worldwide movement which will reach its climax in 1975.

Participants at the Chicago conference issued the following statement

suggesting positive ways in which churches may be involved:

"Rejoicing that Baptists, irrespective of race or nationality enjoy a new sense of brotherhood in their common faith and commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, we therefore call upon all Baptist churches and conventions of North America to engage in a more meaningful relationship of joint ministry and witness and in sharing our resources and strengths for the mutual benefit of all."

"Possible activities for church involvement include:

"1. A prayer partnership with churches of other countries and conventions.

"2. Mass distribution of scripture related to the reconciliation theme.

"3. Lay evangelism training and practice.

"4. Interracial fellowships and Bible studies.

"The committee prays that church members may be so involved that real achievements in bridging chasms of misunderstanding can be realized by the time of the Baptist World Congress in Stockholm in 1975."

Baptist groups represented at the meeting were the Baptist Federation of Canada, the Baptist General Conference of America, the General Association of General Baptists, the North American Baptist General Conference, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Churches in the USA, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Baptist World Alliance.



JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE—Executives of the American Baptist and Southern Baptist Convention hold a joint news conference. Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee (left) sits with his counterpart Robert Campbell, general secretary of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.

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EDITORIAL

A Fourth Of July Call

The Fourth of July was a big day when I was growing up in a small mining town in Southern Illinois.

It was a day of parades and picnics and political oratory; of hot dogs, and hamburgers and cold sodas. There usually were spectacular events which created much excitement for growing boys and girls.

Patriotism was in evidence everywhere, with waving flags and bright bunting, proclaiming to all that on this day we were thinking of our beloved land.

Firecrackers burst forth in many places, and in the early evening some patriotic organization usually provided a breath-taking fireworks display.

When parade time came, men who had just returned from the Marne or Chateau Thierry marched shoulder to shoulder with some who had been at San Juan Hill or Manila Bay. In the earliest days even a few tottering old soldiers from the Civil war walked or rode proudly behind their flag. There were floats, rather crude by modern standards, but they spoke of America, and of the community and the state and nation we loved.

Americans All

The Fourth was a time when we were thinking of America, and thanking God for it. We were a mixed group of Americans in that town, but Americans all. It was a place where men worked with their hands at hard labor, and many immigrants from Europe had settled there. There were Germans, and French, Italians and Hungarians. There were Poles and Czechs, Austrians and Greeks. Of course, most of us were of the English-Scotch-Irish background. On this day, however, we were just Americans, united as one people, under one flag. We loved our country and were proud of it, and rejoiced in this day when we could stop to hear men talk about our country, and we could join together in celebrating the freedoms and privileges it had brought us. When I was a lad, the world that we knew was pretty small, but we knew that it was part of a great nation, and we were proud to be Americans.

I still am! As we come to this July 4th in the 197th year of our country, I am still just as proud to say, "I am an American." I simply have no sympathy with those who malign our country or say despicable things concerning it.

Certainly I am fully familiar with Teapot Dome, unrevealed broken codes before Pearl Harbor, Vicuna Coats, the allegedly stolen election of 1960, the Bay of Pigs fiasco, and now Watergate. All of these, along with other scandals, have happened in my life time. I have been disturbed by them, and concerned about them, even as have others, but they have not shaken my faith in my country, nor the American way of life. These things pass, but America lives on.

Like everyone else, I am fed up to the neck with Watergate, and could wish that it was gone forever from the press, the radio and the television, but that cannot be. The source of the misdeeds must be established, and wrongdoers punished. That is the American way of right and justice. I would not change it. Nevertheless, Watergate was senseless and stupid, even though men apparently did wrong for what they felt was the safety of their country. Evidently it was planned by men who simply had lost their perspective of clear thinking, and others got caught in the snare. Some probably are guilty and others are innocent. We are sure the investigations and court actions will reveal the truth. We do not foresee what the outcome will be, but we are certain that the problem will be solved, and America will move on. This and other tragic scandals, simply reveal the weakness of men, and not of our form of government.

Furthermore, I am fully familiar with the other weaknesses of our nation: the problems of misguided youth, drugs, sex - madness, drunkenness, crime, racial strife, and a hundred others. They are all here, but they have not destroyed our nation, nor will they.

I Believe in America

I believe in America, and I love this nation. I thank God that I have the privilege of living here. The waving of Old Glory still thrills me, and the singing of the national anthem still stirs my soul. I still like parades, and fireworks, and the fanfare of a great band, playing America. These are not, of course, the things which make our nation great, but they are symbolic, and I hope that they never cease. When situations arise, which appear to threaten them, and the really important things which they represent, then Americans must be on the alert. It is a time when we must be ready to stand

for our country.

Still another vivid memory of my youth is the famed James Montgomery Flagg recruitment poster of World War I, which showed a bright colored Uncle Sam pointing his finger toward the viewer, and saying "I need you for the U. S. Army." From whatever angle the picture was seen the finger and the eyes were directly pointed toward the viewer.

A Call to Americans

Perhaps a symbolic Uncle Sam is pointing his finger toward each of us right now and saying "I Need You!", for I do not know that the nation ever needed more the full support of its citizens, and especially its Christian citizens.

It needs the strength of citizens of unimpeachable character, men and women and youth, who stand strong in the midst of sagging morality, and the new concepts of right and wrong.

It needs the faith of men and women who believe in the nation, in its constitutional principles, in its high purposes, in its priceless freedoms, and are not willing to see them relinquished at any price.

It needs the spiritual strength of those who fear God, and worship him, and seek to live their lives according to his purposes. Such men and women will not only influence the character of the nation, but also can lift it in prayer, bringing its leaders and its people to the very throne of grace.

It needs the love and devotion and dedication of people who believe in the things which have made America great, and are willing to give their all, including their very lives, to see that those principles never die.

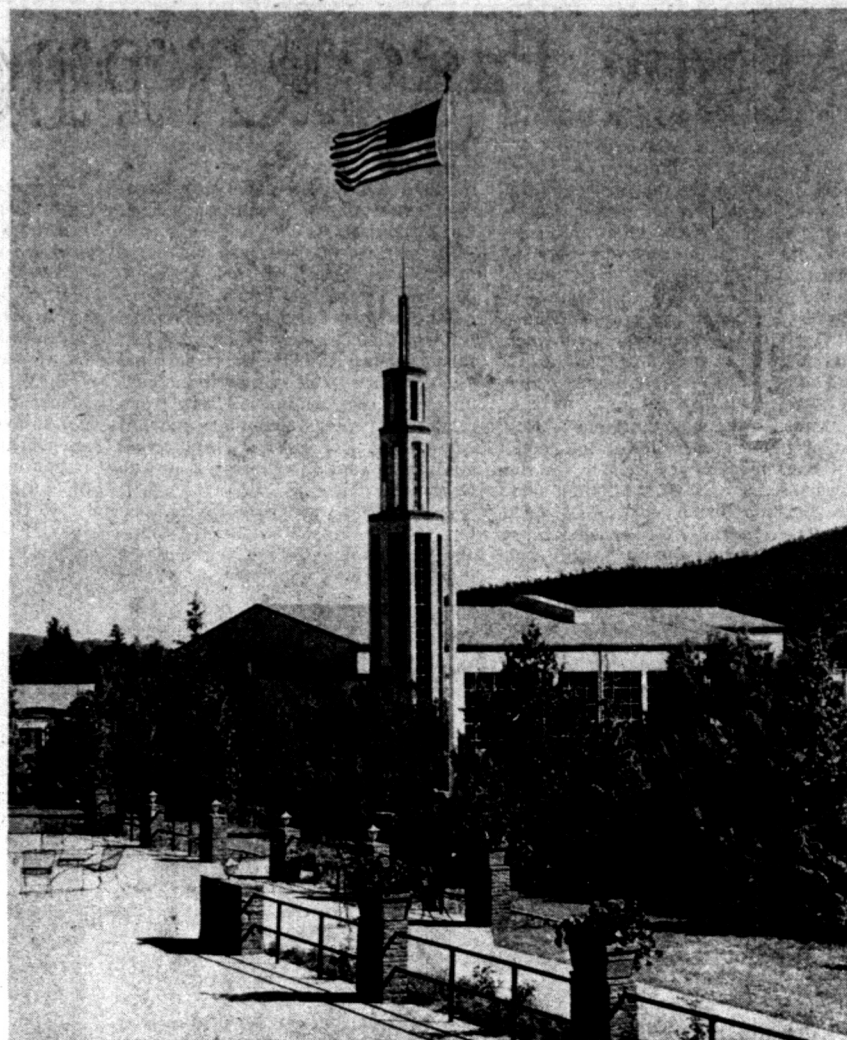
We are convinced that there still are millions of people in this nation, who meet all or at least most of these standards.

National situations, however, have brought doubt, disturbance, confusion and uncertainty.

The time has come to turn that tide. We must expect our leaders to keep our nation great, and let them know that we are ready to help them do just that.

We must heed the call that seems to be ringing out, "I Need You!", and be among those who stand up for America now.

This Fourth of July is a great time for us to renew our allegiance and love for our country.



Rejoice, For The Lord Has Given Us Freedom!

GLORIETA, N. M. — Southern Baptists have only God to thank that the American flag can fly over Glorieta Baptist Conference Center (as shown here) and over every church in the United States. Freedom of religion and more importantly, freedom to worship the Risen Savior, is all too often taken for granted. During this festive season, Southern Baptists should remember the sacrifices that have been made to preserve that freedom and also the great sacrifice God made by sending His Son into the world for our sins!

THE BAPTIST FORUM

'Turn To Exodus 20:13'

Dear Dr. Odle:

I wish to say a few words about the article in the Baptist Record, May 10, 1973, on the problem of abortion. I do not know who wrote the article and for the most part I agree with him. But when I came to the statement that the Bible is not very specific about the issue of abortion I was astounded and not to say flabbergasted. I can only assume that this writer has never read the Bible.

I wish to inform him that if he will take a Bible and turn to the book of Exodus, chapter 20, verse 13, he will find the answer clear and plain: "Thou shalt not kill." It gives no age, no circumstance under which this commandment may be broken. Man can make murder legal, but God will never do so and it is to Him you will answer when you stand at the bar of judgment.

Willie B. Smith

EDUCATION...what's happening

The United Negro College Fund which raises funds for 40 black colleges enrolling 54,000, says the black colleges "face the future with minuscule endowments, aging physical plants, and unprecedented demand and waiting lists for admission."

The 1973 goal of UNCF to ease the crisis is \$15.5 million. The highest amount ever raised by the UNCF was produced in 1972—\$11.2 million.

The college fund raiser reported to the finance chairman: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that Mr. Smith gave us a bundle."

"Great. What is the bad news?"
"He's a laundryman."

Collegian overheard: "I refuse to believe that all adults are bad — it's just a small minority we hear about in the papers."

Comedian Bob Hope has taken out a building permit for a 29,000 square-foot home in Palm Springs, Calif. Such a mansion would be five times as large as the biggest home in that exclusive community and would give Mr. Hope's house more room than the local bowling alley or department store. Why he needs a home of that size isn't known, but there is a possibility that comes to mind. Since Mr. Hope has announced he won't be going overseas to entertain the troops anymore, perhaps he's planning to invite them over to his place this Christmas. (The Nashville Tennessean, February 13, 1973)

New Bible Institute - - -

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vided that song leader has not had Calvary Bible Institute will give many of the basic courses offered by other Bible institutes and seminaries. Many of these credits will be transferable to other schools of theology, being recognized by Luther Rice College of Education. Meetings will be in the morning, afternoon or night, according to the wishes of the students.

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A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Happy Fourth Of July!

Not many days do for me what the Fourth of July does. I'm old enough that I still wave the flag!

And, as if that weren't enough, I feel chill bumps when "The Star-Spangled Banner" is played before ball games.

But, topping it all off is the fact that I have a great deal of respect for the President of the United States of America, along with an ability to admit that, walking in his steps, I might not be able to solve any more problems, and any more wars, stabilize any more economies, reduce any more costs of living, reduce any more figures of unemployment, lower any more income taxes, raise any more incomes, make any more lazy people work, lower any more crime rates than he is able to.

No matter who is filling the office of President, everybody but him seems to know how to be President.

That's about like my being an expert on rearing girls. I really am an expert on that subject. I can tell you exactly how to do it. Because we have all boys.

I'm really not as concerned with the person of the President as I am for the position he holds. I wasn't a part of the Committee to re-elect Nixon (and am I glad, considering everything right now!), nor am I even involved in politics. But I am involved in being an American citizen. It is about time more of us became interested in being better citizens and stopped to consider what our eternal bickering, cutting, criticizing, and unfairness is doing to our country.

If I ran for President and won, I expect that during the first week I would resign and go find me a better place to live.

The problem is, where?

Most folks who try other places, come back.

And I don't blame them.

Happy Fourth of July to you, too!

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We are beginning to realize that this is true in the realm of religion: The amount of the "sales" and the amount of statistical measurement can have little or no relationship to the production of the experience of sacrificial love and compassion in the lives of persons. There can be machinery of Golbergian proportion which moves, spins, sputters, and whirls and there be little or no transference of the compassion of the lowly Nazarene. You see, this sense of Godness which Jesus communicated to a few individuals is only transferable from individual to individual. — Blake Westmoreland

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NEWEST BOOKS

Broadman Publishes New Church Manual

BROADMAN CHURCH MANUAL by Howard B. Foshee (Broadman, 150 pp., \$3.95).

Church manuals are for the purpose of putting in concise form what Baptist churches believe and how they function. It has been a long time since a new manual has been available for Southern Baptists. An old one such as Pendleton's or Hiscock's have been standard, although a new one was produced by American Baptists a few years ago. This one is especially fitted to churches and church work as Southern Baptists do it. There are fourteen chapters dealing with the church and its membership, its government, its doctrine, its ordinances, its officers, records, denominational relationships, etc. This is a valuable handbook which will be considered an essential in dealing with the day by day program of the average Southern Baptist church. Mr. Foshee has rendered a distinct service to Southern Baptists with this new church manual.

BEING JOYOUS by Bob R. Taylor (Broadman, paper, 95 pp., \$1.75).

The book evidently is planned for young people and shows how that Christian life is to be joyous. The author uses poetry, scripture, pictures, prose, and cartoons to present his message. He shows that no matter what happens, good or bad, the Christian life can have joy.

THE SHEPHERD OF THE STARS by Charles A. Trentham (Broadman, 172 pp., paper \$2.50).

Paperback edition of a book of a study of Colossians which first appeared about ten years ago.

HOLY BIBLE (Broadman, \$3.95).

A new attractive edition of the Bible published by Broadman. The version is King James. A limited section of Bible study helps is found at the back of the book. Bound in red leatherette, illustrated with colored paintings.

NEVER LOOK BACK by Jack D. Sanford (Broadman, 144 pp., \$2.50).

A novel based upon the ministry of a young pastor who left the ministry to go to an old church in an inner city. It tells of the conflicts which came because of the changing area and of the desire of the young preacher to minister to the poverty stricken people who had surrounded the church. A moving story of the difficulties which arise when a church faces a changing community.

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS by Herschel H. Hobbs (Baker, 122 pp., \$2.95).

A series of devotional type messages for Christians. The book is divided into three

sections. The first dealing with the Beautitudes, the second with life's certainties and the third with the joy of Christian living.

POEMS by Ragan Courtney (Broadman, 143 pp., \$4.95).

A beautiful book of moving poetry. Most of the selections are brief, but they are divided into several chapters. Titles are such as these: The Wind I Sow On, The Season to Touch, Death Has Set My Mind on Fire, Don't I Get An Answer?, People and several other chapters. The poetry is unusual but very meaningful. Lovers of poetry will find it to be a delight. The author is not identified other than by name.

REVIVAL FIRES IN CANADA by Kurt Koch (Kregel, 102 pp., pocket book, paper \$1.00).

A story of the amazing revival experience which are sweeping a large part of western Canada. A living testimony of what the spirit of God does when true revival comes.

MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY by Bruce Blossat (Enterprise Publications, paper, 96 pp., \$1.00).

A discussion of Social Security and Medicare answers in simple language and with clear table many questions which people have concerning the Medicare and Social Security programs.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF THE CHURCH by Ralph Neighbour (Zondervan, 182 pp., \$1.25).

A study of the change needed if renewal is to come to the church. The words are "We never tried it that way before." This author believes that the church can become far more effective simply by changing its program.

A HISTORY OF THE GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION, 1822 - 1972 by James Adams Lester (The Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, 846 pp.).

The Georgia Baptist Convention observed its sesquicentennial in 1972 and James A. Lester, editor of the Tennessee Baptist Journal, the Baptist and Reflector, was asked to write the history of the convention. This large volume is the result of years of research and careful study and presents as complete a history as probably could be written in one volume. The actual history of Baptist work in Georgia began shortly after the settlement of the state. The first Baptist meeting house in the state must have been built somewhere around 1751. There has been Baptist witness in Georgia for almost 225 years. The convention itself was not organized until 1822. This splendid volume tells the story of the beginnings of the development of a Baptist fellowship and

of the struggles through the century and a half, which have brought the convention to the great strong position which it holds today. Any person who is interested in Baptist history will find delight in the book, but it also will serve as a reference book on one of the foundation states in Baptist witness in the South. The convention is standing at its strongest point in its history and the days ahead should be even greater than the past.

A COMMENTARY ON DANIEL by Leon Wood (Zondervan, 336 pp., \$6.95).

One of the finest scholarly studies on the book of Daniel this reviewer ever has examined. The author is a professor and dean at Grand Rapids Baptist Bible Seminary. He is a fully trained scholar, thoroughly prepared to examine this book in the light of all that scholarship says concerning it. He believes that the book was written by Daniel; that it is divinely inspired; that its history and prophecy are true; and that it therefore has a message for our day. Never have we seen the destructive critics answered in a more decisive manner, or a conservative view of the book more ably defended. If you want to study the book with its history, rich material is here, but if you are more interested in the prophecy, you can find no finer presentation and interpretation of the prophetic message.

THE MESSAGE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT by F. F. Bruce (Eerdmans, 120 pp., paper, \$1.95).

What is the New Testament saying as it speaks to man. This scholar, who has devoted a life time to Bible study, presents the message of each book, or group of books. Clearly summarizes the purpose and message of each section of the New Testament.

TOMORROW'S AT MY DOOR by Jeanette Lockerbie (Revell, \$1.95, 48 pp.). An optimistic book of poems, looking forward to the exciting tomorrow that always lies ahead.

THE POSSIBLE YEARS by Donald L. Deffner (Concordia, 95 pp., paper, \$1.95). Thoughts after thirty, on Christian adulthood — 56 devotional pieces directed toward the particular concerns, joys, and problems of adult Christians.

THE FOURTH WATCH OF THE NIGHT by Kenneth D. Barney (Gospel Publishing House, paper, 95 pp., \$1.50). These are troubled times, but there is hope. The author believes we are living in "the fourth watch of the night," the time just prior to the return of Jesus.



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America For Me

'Tis fine to see the Old World, and travel up and down
Among the famous palaces and cities of towns,
To admire the crumbling castles and the statues of the kings—
But now I think I've had enough of antiquated things.

So it's home again, and home again, America for me!
My heart is turning home again, and there I long to be,
In the land of youth and freedom beyond the ocean bars,
Where the air is full of sunlight and the flag is full of stars.

Oh, London is a man's town, there's power in the air;
And Paris is a woman's town, with flowers in her hair;
And it's sweet to dream in Venice, and it's great to study Rome;
But when it comes to living there is no place like home.

I like the German fir-woods, in green battalions drilled;
I like the gardens of Versailles with fountains filled;
But, O, to take your hand, my dear, and ramble for a day
In the friendly western woodland where Nature has her way!

I know that Europe's wonderful, yet something seems to lack;
The Past is too much with her, and the people looking back.
But the glory of the Present is to make the Future free—
We love our land for what she is and what she is to be.

Oh, it's home again, and home again, America for me!
I want a ship that's westward bound to plough the rolling sea,
To the blessed Land of Room Enough beyond the ocean bars,
Where the air is full of sunlight and the flag is full of stars.

—Henry van Dyke 1852-1933

My Land

She is a rich and rare land;
Oh! She's a fresh and fair land,
She is a dear and rare land—
This native land of mine.

She's not a dull or cold land;
No! She's a warm and bold land;
Oh! She's a true and old land—
This native land of mine.

Oh! She's a fresh and fair land,
Oh! She's a true and rare land!
Yes, she's a rare and fair land—
This native land of mine.

—Thomas Osborne Davis (1814-1845)

July

Among the Blackfoot Indians, July was known as the month of ripe berries. But among many nations of the world, July is the month of national independence. Canada celebrates July 1 as Dominion Day; the Philippine Independence Day is July 4; Venezuela's, July 5; Argentina's, July 9. The French celebrate Bastille Day on July 14; Belgium celebrates July 21; the Netherlands, July 23; and Peru, July 28.

'Squeak the Fife'

Squeak the fife, and beat the drum,
Independence day is come!
Let the roasting pig be bled,
Quickly rub the pepper platter,
Heap the nutcakes, fried in butter,
Set the pumpkin and the apple sauce.

—Royal Tyler (1757-1826)

Independence Day

I am apt to believe that (Independence Day) will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward for evermore.

—John Adams (1776)

Democracy

Democracy is based on the conviction that man has the moral and intellectual capacity, as well as the inalienable right, to govern himself with reason and justice.

—Harry S Truman

200 Million Bibles—Record Distribution

NEW YORK (EP) — Global distribution of the Bible and Scripture selections in 1972 exceeded 200 million copies for the first time in the history of the United States Bible Societies, according to representatives attending the board of managers of the American Bible Society.

The American society is one of 55 national Bible publishing, translating and distributing companies affiliated with the United Societies. The total of 218,429,595 Bibles and selections distributed was an increase of 27.6 per cent over the previous year's activity.

"Fasola" Singing Planned Again

NASHVILLE—Sacred Harp Singing, one of the oldest forms of music in Baptist churches, will be included again this year in the programs at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M., Baptist Conference Centers. As part of a reviving of tradition, the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has made this an annual event for church music week at both conference centers. The session at Glorieta will be Saturday, July 21, and at Ridgecrest, Friday, July 6.

Flag-Waving Radio Spots Mailed To More Than 7000 Stations

As July 4 approaches, a series of flag-waving radio spot announcements, as American as letting freedom ring, are being mailed to more than 7000 radio stations across the country.

The 30-and 60 - second spots, produced by Baptists through their Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, are designed to help stations observe Independence Day in a patriotic manner.

The voices of three professional announcers — John Borders, who hosts the Commission's "Powerline" show; Sam Bogart and Dave Nangle, who co-host "MasterControl" — were used in preparing the spots.

The series of announcements, endorsed by the prestigious Religious Heritage of America, feature historic events, linked with scripture commentary from The Living Bible (Paraphrased).

Against the background of a voice reading from the Declaration of Independence, an announcer observes that those words "separated the 13 original colonies from all outside human authority but it did not separate them from God."

Another announcement declares that "freedom is a religious discovery. One of the precious freedoms

America enjoys is the freedom of religion."

The history of the famous Liberty Bell, now on display in Philadelphia, also is recounted. In still another announcement, listeners are taken on a mental tour of Philadelphia's Carpenter Hall where delegates to the Continental Congress laid the foundation of the country and listeners are reminded that many of the principles upon which this country was built were first taught by another carpenter — named Jesus.

Portland People Say They Like Southern Baptists

(Continued from page 1)

While the Parade didn't fare as well from Southern Baptists as some would have liked, the hotels and the Southern Baptist churches in the greater metropolitan area of Portland made out quite well.

"The churches were all packed to capacity on Sunday," said Dan Stringer, Jr., executive secretary of the Northwest Baptist Convention.

Roland P. Hood, interim superintendent of missions for the Interstate Association, which includes Portland, Vancouver, Wash., and several churches up the Columbia River, said the MILL Park Baptist Church, Portland, had a capacity crowd of 500 for Sunday worship. The church normally averages 125 in attendance.

Stringer said the presence of 16,000 Southern Baptists, expected to attend the SBC by Thursday would contribute immeasurably to the positive image of Southern Baptists in the Northwest United States. This is the first time the Convention has been held in the Northwest and the first SBC on the West Coast since the San Francisco convention in 1962.

He noted that he would be willing to help put together another SBC in Portland, if hotel and motel accommodations were better.

"If we had 10 hotels with 800 rooms each, it would have been easier to find a place for all attending the SBC to stay," said Stringer.

As it was, the hotels were packed, with Southern Baptists reserving rooms in blocks and often occupying up to 80 and 85 percent of the rooms in several major hotels, including the Portland Hilton and Sheraton Motor Inn.

Hotel employees and management noted, unanimously, that delegates and other Convention participants had all behaved with exemplary conduct. Waitresses were taken with the charm and amiable way of the customers, though the hotel restaurants, without exception, did a rush business for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

An interesting turn in business was noted in the hotel bars, where spokesmen for the Hilton, Sheraton and Thunderbird Motel reported a drop in their bar business. Southern Baptists are noted for their non-indulgence in alcoholic beverages.

Even the trend was not a blight on the hotels, according to spokesmen. The number of rooms confirmed, the food business, and not to mention conferences and private parties, more than made up for the lack of alco-

holic beverages sales, spokesmen said.

Portland residents, as a whole, seemed to know little about Southern Baptists and didn't regard what they saw as unusual from any other organization except it was noted, "These are the most courteous and happy people I've ever seen. I'm glad they are in town."

This statement was echoed again and again by local residents and persons who work in and around the Coliseum. Cab drivers said they enjoyed the friendly conversation and easy-going manner of the Southern Baptists.

Bus drivers were enthusiastic about having the extra business and were complimentary about the conduct of the passengers. The bus and cab companies were, for the most part, running to capacity in terms of their fleets of vehicles.

Tri-Met, the city's transit system said they chartered 97 buses for service to the Coliseum from the downtown hotel and motel areas Tuesday. Stringer said that 2,000 to 3,000 persons came into Portland via chartered airlines flights, not to mention other commercial flights.

A Gray Line Sight-Seeing Company spokesman said their entire fleet of 14 buses would be working to conduct tours of 300 Southern Baptists and other touring groups through

the metropolitan area of Portland on Wednesday.

Police Department spokesmen said they had not encountered nor received any negative reports in terms of traffic, or misconduct on the part of Southern Baptists participating in the several conferences and the SBC in Portland.

"We normally don't increase our force of officers during such a Convention," said a Police Department spokesman. He said that the Coliseum normally hires its own officers to maintain order in and around the complex. Apparently, the behavior of the Southern Baptist delegation was good enough that the Coliseum management wasn't overly concerned.

Southern Baptists Said 'Unusual'

An employee remarked, "These people are unusual. This is the first convention I've ever worked where people kept their areas clean." Rock concerts and conventions held in the past by some service and fraternal organizations created problems in terms of cleaning, he said. "One group plastered signs all over the walls, in the rest rooms, everywhere. This is certainly different."

Even with the overwhelming favorable response to the Southern Baptists as individuals and as a group, the human tendency to fail or break down somewhere along the line did show through to some in Portland.

One hotel manager complained, not too strongly, that he and a number of hotel managers had experienced the non-too-courteous practice of potential Baptist delegates reserving hotel rooms, then giving their reservation to another attendee, without informing the management.

"Other than that, we're delighted the Southern Baptists are here," the hotel spokesman said. Another problem related to the hotels was that of entire parties who reserved blocks of rooms, in several cases, then failed to show or to cancel the reservations.

Anthony M. "Tony" Raiter, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce's convention department commended the Portland SBC organization committee for their "professionalism" and said that the Convention itself was certainly "top drawer."

He said, "Overall, it's a great convention. I was out there myself this morning and am delighted the Southern Baptists are meeting here. I hope the good weather continues through the weekend." He added, "We would like to see this convention come back to Portland."

Raiter noted only one problem that he said the SBC organization committee indicated they would take a close look at, and this was the practice of reserving large blocks of hotel rooms, at the expense of individual delegates from out-of-town, who would also need rooms.

"This really isn't fair to the individuals who don't come in these large groups," Raiter said. A maximum 50 percent might be set as a limit for group reservations per hotel, he noted.

Most persons interviewed noted that the Southern Baptists attending the convention, as a whole, were a "pretty nice bunch of people," and none were willing to say the delegates were weird or abnormal either in looks or in behavior.

"We had one Christian group in the Coliseum back there, they were really strange, but not these Southern Baptists. They're nice," said a hotel employee.

The average Portland citizen saw bits and pieces of the SBC activities via television news, where local channels gave good coverage on Monday, June 11, via an interview with SBC President Owen Cooper, a layman from Yazoo City, Miss., and a press conference with former White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers. Moyers was in Portland to address the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Conference.

One local daily newspaper carried

saying, "I have wanted to cry out, 'Bach's music isn't on trial, you are!'"

The conference presented honorary life memberships to two persons, but neither was able to attend.

The honorary lifetime memberships went to Mrs. B. B. McKinney, widow of the late composer of hundreds of hymns and long-time secretary of the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Edmond Keith, retiring associate secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention's church music department.

An additional first for the conference was a workshop on choreography and staging led by Alex Plasschaert, a choreographer from Northridge, Calif., who led the participants through the steps of staging a musical production.

SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD



First action in defense of freedom in this country's oldest tradition. It is the foundation on which the independence we celebrate this week will remain secure as long as we honor it.

Actually, the shooting began more than a year before the Declaration of Independence was signed. In the spring of 1775, the British commander in Boston learned that the patriots of Massachusetts had assembled ammunition and other military equipment at Concord, 16 miles away. He sent a force of eight hundred men to destroy the munitions. When six miles from Concord, at Lexington, seventy armed men stood their ground on the village green and the British army fired the first shot. They proceeded to Concord where Emerson's "enslaved farmers" hid most of the munitions and withstood the British assault.

The battle aroused the colonies and, by the end of the summer, the power of the royal governors was destroyed and provincial congresses were formed. The idea that independence was essential to freedom became widely accepted and ultimately was articulated in the Declaration of Independence.

Off The Record

I SMILED AT THIS

In a paper I received from Mobile, the following appeared and brought a very big smile. I hope it does to you.

A newly hired traveling salesman wrote his first sales report to the home office. It stunned the top brass in the sales department, because it was obvious the new "hope" was an illiterate, for here is what he wrote: "I have seen this outfit which they ain't never bought a dime worth of nothing from us and I sole them a couple-hundred thousand dollars of guds. I am now going to Chicawgo."

Before the illiterate could be given the heave-ho by the sales manager, along came this letter from Chicago—"I cum hear and sole them haff a millyon."

Fearful if he did, and fearful if he didn't fire the illiterate, the sales manager dumped the problem in the lap of the company president.

The following morning the industry tower members were amazed to see the two letters posted on the bulletin board — and this memo from the president tacked above:

"We ben spending too much time trying to spel instead of trying to sel. Let's wach those sails. I want everybody should read these letters from Mr. Gooch, who is on the rode doin a grate job for us, and you should go out and do like he done."—W. C. Hultgren

What It Means To Be An American

By Marty Bass

As I walk down the street of America I gaze upon the trees of liberty and justice, of peace and mankind, of knowledge and strength. All these points of living and learning are found in our America.

Long ago our forefathers began to pave this street, and plant these trees, that we could walk this street, and pick of these trees the fruit of daily life.

We add to this street and to these trees our portion of history, for each block and each branch holds sacred memories of our nation's progress.

As I walk on this long winding street of America, I stop to rest among the trees in this marvelous garden.

There is one tree in this garden that is set aside from the others. This is the tree of freedom. Its four branches represent the freedoms we enjoy in America—the freedom of worship, of speech, of press and assembly. Because of these freedoms, we can go to church where we please, and we can speak our minds freely.

I close my hand tightly. When I open it, spreading my fingers wide apart, I am reminded of America.

My palm has many little lines that streak across it. I follow them with my eyes and see rivers and streams that Indians crossed and conquered. I look at my fingertips and think of the people of long ago who carved with their fingers the symbols of freedom.

I look at my hand and think of five things that America means to me:

America is free and has fought to keep that freedom.

America is a vast, large homeland which has an abundance of food to use.

America is scientifically minded. We can depend on our scientists to open up new scientific worlds everyday.

America is an intelligent land. My teachers and those who guide me give necessary fundamentals to grow strong in mind and body.

America is democratic. I can vote when I'm grown. I can choose representatives to speak for me in public and political affairs.

America means all these things to me, but what do I mean to America? I cannot give back to her all she has given to me, but I can train and diligently strive to be better in all I do.

I walk on down the street of America, but a journey of the future lies ahead. God has given me the opportunity to grow up in America. I look at my hand again. This time I put the other one against it and bow my head and thank God for all that America means to me.

—Bulletin, FBC, Clinton

"Jot" To Debut In Australia

You may look for JOT in a bush hat, and hear him humming "Waltzing Matilda."

Cartoonist Jot who teaches children lessons in living, will make his debut on Australian television this spring.

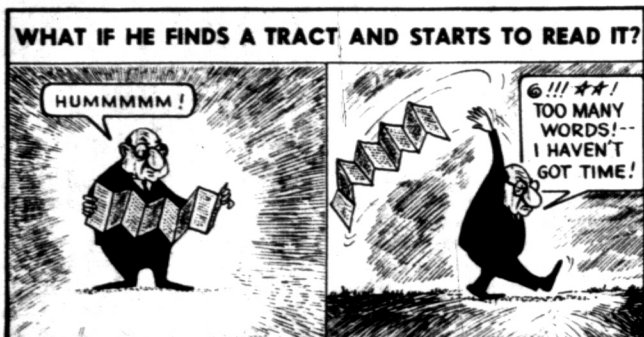
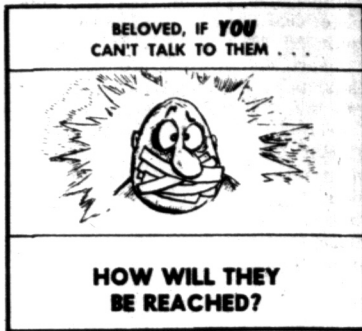
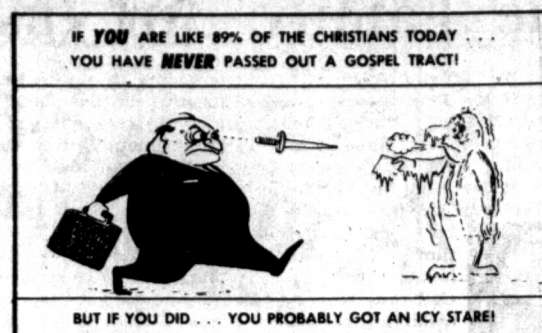
And, while the credits identify JOT as a production of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, he'll be presented to Australians through the Church of England (Anglican) Sydney Diocese.

The hands across the sea venture between Southern Baptists and the Anglicans is a result of a visit to Fort Worth last year by Warwick Olson, press representative for the Sydney Diocese.

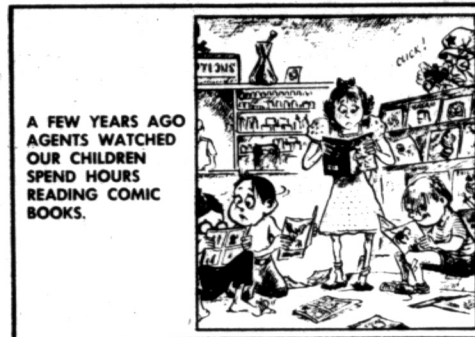
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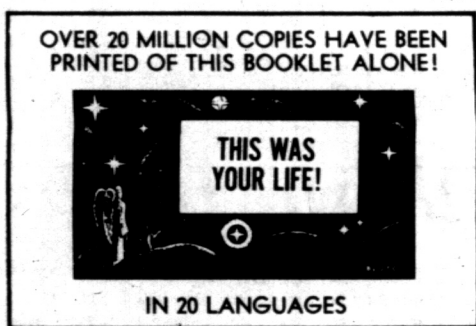


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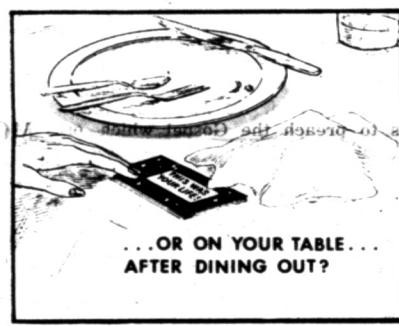


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The Family: An Institution Established By God For Man's Well-Being

By Clifton J. Allen
Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:6-9;
Proverbs 23:22-25; Mark 7:9-13;
Ephesians 6:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:5

The family began with the creation of man. It was the first institution established by God for man's well-being and for the fulfillment of God's intention in humanity. God ordained that children should show respect toward their parents. The positive admonition of this commandment was amplified in Deu-



teronomy to emphasize the teaching function of the family. Specifically, parents were charged to perpetuate the religious heritage of Israel. Jesus himself exhibited an inspiring response to family heritage in the days of childhood and youth. His teaching reinforced the Fifth Commandment and interpreted its truth in terms of true affection and unselfish concern. The teaching in Pauline writings provides guidance for Christian family living at its best.

Montana Missionary

Ann Roberts, granddaughter of Mrs. C. R. Baylis of Rt. 1, Hattiesburg, is serving as a summer missionary in Montana under appointment of the Mississippi Baptist Pioneer Missions Committee.



"HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER" (Ex. 20:12)

In Hebrew thought and custom the father was the authority figure in the family. Here the mother is joined with the father and both are to be accorded honor by their children. Often this commandment is thought of as calling for obedience on the part of children. Basically, to honor father and mother means to attach worth to them, to show proper appreciation for them, to accord to them proper deference and respect, to treasure them in affection, and to be loyal to them with full devotion. The divine injunction called for respect that would express itself in obedience, in responsiveness to instruction, and in loyalty that would preclude indifference or disrespect. The promise accompanying this commandment meant more than longevity of life. To show honor to father and mother contributes to wholesome family relationships and to strength of character

that contribute to stability and harmony and achievement and happiness. Where the deeper meanings of this commandment are realized in family life, there will be peace and love and strength.

TEACHERS OF THE FAITH (Deut. 6:6-9; 2 Tim. 1:5)

The Deuteronomic writer gives a solemn charge calling upon parents to fulfill their mission as teachers of the faith. As essential to the fulfillment of this mission, the statutes and ordinances of the Lord were to be taken seriously in terms of personal application. They were to be a burden of heart and a guide for life. To translate this into current terms, parents must be true followers of Christ in order to become effective teachers of their children relative to the truth about Christ as Lord and Savior and about the joys and demands of the Christian faith. The fulfillment of this mission calls for conversation in the home about the deep realities and

practical importance of Christian faith, instruction from earliest childhood to young adulthood, line upon line and precept upon precept, as to the ways of God and the blessing of salvation, and training which contributes to personal goals, standards for moral character, and life according to the will of God.

A brief comment by the apostle Paul, in tribute to the home of Timothy, impresses the truth that parents are to be teachers of the faith. It became personal for him through his response to the instruction received, so that his faith was more than inherited tradition: it was sincere, personal, experiential commitment.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIVING (Eph. 6:1-4)

Obedience toward parents is right. Children should not chafe under this obligation. Even in childhood, they can be taught that obedience is right and well pleasing to God. Misunderstanding and tension between parents

and children are not inevitable. Hostility and rebellion are not appropriate. Obedience and respect are right. But this assumes that parents—both father and mother—will not exercise authority arbitrarily, that they will respect their children as persons, and that direction and instruction calling for obedience will always be accompanied by love and understanding. Christian family living can be achieved when there is love that prompts unselfishness and forgiveness, when there is firmness based on what is reasonable and right, when there is willingness on the part of parents to be examples of self-discipline, demanding more of themselves than they ask of their children, and when there is openness and respect toward one another with thoughtfulness and kindness toward one another.

It is well to let a little sunshine out as well as in.

Revival Results

Calvary Church, Smithdale: June 3-8; one profession of faith; two by letter; one on statement; other rededications; Rev. Al Homer, evangelist; Rev. Mike Willoughby, pastor.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Samuel: The Crisis Of Religious Corruption

By Bill Duncan
1 Samuel 2-4; 7

It is frequently claimed trouble brings out the best in people. But sometimes it brings out the worst. When hurricane Celia hit Corpus Christi, Texas, in the summer of 1970, a shortage of gasoline quickly led some dealers to jack the price from .32c to \$1.50 a gallon and during the resulting ice shortage, one ice man asked as high as \$10.00 for a single 25 pound chunk.



Why is it that the same disaster may trigger courage in one person and cowardice in another? Or, generosity and self-sacrifice in one and greed in another? It is not the storm. The same high wind, lightning, floods, and hail strike all alike. The difference is in the person. Just as there was a need for Samuel in his day, there is a need for a judge or religious leader in our day. Corruption was the result of corrupt men being religious leaders in Israel's day. Eli was a person who had allowed

ed his sons to be placed in leadership roles that were not proper for their lives. The years of false leadership had caused a decline in the influence upon the people. God had to raise up a person to help the people get right.

Recently, in the U. S. News and World Report, an article on "Religion in the U. S. — Where it's Headed" caused some interesting comments. Religious membership has become a primary form of self-identification and social location, the way of being an American. In numbers the American people are probably the most religious of all western nations. The article says that many of the leaders in some of the denominations are ultraliberal, but they have no influence whatever among rank and file members, who belong to the ordinary mass of Americans. "A large number of these church members are annoyed and embarrassed by the liberal and radical statements of their leaders. They don't know how to replace this leadership and it would take centuries, anyway."

Because this may be true there is the sign of religious corruption in our country. The answer must be seen in a person or persons who will lead us back to God. We want our ministers to preach the Gospel which offers hope and help to the masses of people.

THE CORRUPTION OF ELI

The central place of worship during the days of the judges was Shiloh. At the birth of Samuel, Eli was the high priest and his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were his assistants. Eli may have been sincere but he failed because of his lack of influence

upon his own sons. The reason for their corruption was as the illustration said in the beginning, that there was something lacking in the person. "They knew not the Lord." The sons would take advantage of the people when they would come for help. It is assumed that Eli knew about the corrupt actions but did nothing to redeem the situation. When religious leaders are corrupt, the people become like them. You cannot lead someone where you have never been yourself.

A man of God went to Eli and pronounced judgment upon Eli and his sons. This must have been embarrassing for Eli and the man of God to discuss. But the issue was corruption and it had to be dealt with. Sin must be accepted before repentance comes.

THE CALL OF SAMUEL

The young child who was an answer to prayer was given to the Lord's use in the ministry. The call of Samuel came as a voice in the night. When the child was willing to follow, God was ready to lead. The Lord told Samuel that night that Eli had corruption in his life which caused

God to reject his leadership. Samuel was young but was faithful to tell the older priest of the vision of condemnation.

The people accepted Samuel as a judge because the Lord had revealed himself to Samuel by speaking to him. It appears that there was such a spirit in Samuel that everyone knew his inmost life. When the Lord is in a person, all the people will know. Spiritual leadership is what the people need. They want to know what God says. Samuel was able to give them this type of leadership.

THE CAUSE OF SHAME

The people of Israel went to fight the Philistines who had attacked the Israelites. Many times the enemy had defeated Israel's forces. So on this occasion they sought to carry the Ark of the Covenant into the battle as a symbol of God's presence. How foolish! The enemy defeated the Israelites and took the Ark. The shame and shock caused Eli to drop dead. Many of the Israelites thought that the Ark was their source of strength.

The shame that came to Israel was characterized by the name given to Eli's grandson. The women who delivered the child named the child — "Ichabod" which means "the glory had departed from Israel."

Susan Fairchild—Missionary To Mars

Susan Fairchild, 19, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Elven Fairchild of Moselle, has been appointed summer missionary to Mars, Pa.



She will be working with Rev. Tedd Lott, pastor of Cranberry Baptist Chapel at Mars. (Mr. Lott is from Seminary, Ms.)

Susie is a graduate of Jones Junior College. She plans to enter MSCW next fall where she hopes to major in music. She and the entire Fairchild family worked with Mr. Lott last summer when Rev. Joe Royalty, evangelist and Mississippian, held a crusade in Mars. They worked with the children, using gospel magic, ventriloquism and music, and chalk talks.

Pastor Lott reports nine straight weeks of decisions at Cranberry Baptist Chapel! Twenty people were baptized in May. Over 30 persons made decisions in the past nine weeks and 28 were baptized in April and May.

Cranberry Baptist Chapel started the year in October with a total of 5 members and now have 105 members.

The pastor asks, "Would you please pray for the largest effort ever attempted for a summer by any Southern Baptist mission or church in Pennsylvania. We plan to enroll over 600 in the Bible School at Cranberry Baptist Chapel using a nearby school for 2nd through 6th graders. We are also planning 2 V. B. S. at Butler. Besides these Bible Schools we plan two tent crusades.

"Our area is new but it should be within a few years one of the greatest in the northeast. By fall of 1975 the largest mall in Pennsylvania will be within 2 miles of us. The Eastern Division of the Post Office Department which employs thousands of people is now under construction only, one mile from us. The new industrial park is just across the road from the pastor's home or two blocks from the Chapel. Fifteen hundred homes are being built just back of our Chapel where about 150 new homes have already been built. A plan of 250 new homes has been started one mile in front of the Chapel. Now under construction is the second largest interchange in the Northeast only 1 1/2 miles away which links Highway 19, the Pa. Turnpike and the new 79 Interstate. This all sounds like a fairy tale to you, but there is even more going on around us. If you only knew God has planned for this area you would be thrilled about your part in the backing of the work here."

Brown Joins Baptist Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP) — Nobel D. Brown, missionary to Nigeria for 10 years, has joined the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as editor of young adult materials in the Sunday School department.

Brown, a native of McHenry, Ky., is a graduate of North Texas State University, Denton, and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., where he earned the bachelor of divinity degree. He earned the doctor of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Kennedy Springs Pastor

Rev. Charles Ray Burnham, pictured, has accepted the call of Kennedy Springs Church, Simpson County, native of Rankin County, he has been pastor of Salem Church in Neshoba County for two years. He is a graduate of Clarke College and is presently a senior at University of Southern Mississippi. Mrs. Burnham is the former Shirley Phillips of Pearl. The Burnhams will soon take up residence in the church parsonage.



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MC Alumnus Begins Practice In Texas As Orthopedic Surgeon

Dr. J. Price Brock, pictured, of Houston, Texas, has completed his residency training at Baylor College of Medicine. He and his family are moving to Abilene, where Dr. Brock will begin his practice of orthopedic surgery.

Dr. Brock is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. Price Brock of Pickens. His father is pastor of Pickens Church. Price Jr. and his wife Nancy have two children, Byron, 3, and Rachel, 2 months. Their new address is 1463 Tanglewood, Abilene, Texas.

Dr. Brock is a graduate of Mississippi College and Baylor School of Medicine, with honors at both schools. He is a veteran of Vietnam and the battle of Wai, for which he was presented the Gold Star and cited for special valor.



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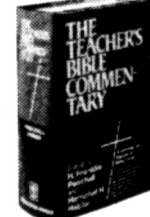
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Devotional

The Things That Matter

IV. Like THE BOOK — II Timothy 4:13c

By Tommy Baddley, Pastor, First, Brandon

"... when thou comest, bring with thee, . . . especially the parchments."

A glance at ever-expanding lists of book reviews provides evidence that not everyone spends all his time in front of the television set. Publishing is a big business, and they certainly don't intentionally print books that won't be read (or sold).



For many years, we have almost gloated as we bragged that "the Bible is still at the top of the best-seller list." Yet all too often Bibles have been purchased to carry and to possess rather than to read and to digest. It surely can be embarrassing to be called upon to look up a verse of Scripture and not know where to find it, or when you do get to the proper location, to have to tear the pages apart. Too long has the privilege of having God's word available in the common language been abused.

Those of us who have been raised on the King James version were somewhat slow to accept the Revised Standard Version, and now we have been flooded with so many more "modern" translations and paraphrases. Though some would still rather use the King James version, the newer translations have brought many people a new understanding of God's message. Instead of reading isolated passages, many are reading straight through a complete book or even straight through the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, and with a new understanding the Bible is coming alive.

The Bible is entertaining reading, inspirational reading, enlightening reading, comforting reading, and it is God's way of revealing Himself to twentieth century man. Coupled with the convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit, the Bible leads men to God, through His son Jesus.

But we must take care that we do not worship the Word. The Bible is but God's tool, holy in content. May we now begin with new zeal and fervor to use rather than abuse, THE BOOK.



Pine Grove (Dumas) Has Groundbreaking

In top photo is seen the groundbreaking service at Pine Grove Baptist Church at Dumas for the new pastorage. Those in picture are the pastor, Rev. Jerry Guess and the building committee, Mrs. Robert Fryar, Vance Kuykendall, Hershel Derrick and Mrs. E. J. Coasts. The church has also ordained two deacons and in photo at right the pastor, Mr. Guess, (at left) is seen handing certificates to Mr. Derrick, (center) and Mr. Kuykendall.



Share The Word Emphasis At Temple, Hattiesburg

In a Share the Word Now emphasis, Temple Church, Hattiesburg, announces Homecoming and Advancement Day for July 1. Preacher for the morning worship service will be Dr. J. C. Murphy, pastor of Second Avenue, Laurel, former pastor at Temple. A fellowship meal will be served at mid-day. Then at 7:30 p.m. R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City will be presented in sacred music concert. July 8-13 the church will hold revival services (see "Revival Dates" column). Rev. Kermit D. McGregor is the pastor.



Mt. Vernon, Meridian, Completes Education Building

Mt. Vernon Church, Meridian, has completed a new education building, left, with additional Sunday School rooms, kitchen, and recreation space. Also a new baptistry was added. The first ones to be baptized in it are pictured at right: Carlis Clinton, Joey Campbell, Steve Gault, Robin Campbell, Dale Cornwell, Rose Marie Ellis, Larry Gault, and Marty Watkins, with Rev. John Campbell, pastor.



Bible Drill Winners

Mrs. James Tadlock gives instruction to Cathy Hale and Dayna Tadlock in a typical Bible Drill. These two young ladies, under direction of Mrs. Tadlock, went from Broadmoor Church, Jackson, winners to Hinds-Madison Association winners to Mississippi Baptist Convention winners.

Mt. Zion Burns Note

A note burning ceremony was observed at Mt. Zion Church Independence, June 3. Their \$108,000 sanctuary was completed in December, 1969. A seven-year note was paid off in two years and ten months.

The program included remarks by Rev. Roy Myers, pastor, followed by the burning of the cancelled note by Roy Wooten, treasurer of the church.

There were 296 in Sunday School, a record for the church, and approximately 500 present for worship service and note burning ceremony. Dinner was served on the grounds.

"Love In Action" At Morrison Heights

At Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, May was designated as "Love in Action" Month.

May 6-12, Love in Action was writing a letter. It was suggested that each church member write at least one letter of appreciation to a fellow church member.

May 13-19, Love in Action was making a phone call. Each member was asked to make at least one call to another member just to say, "I love you and you've meant so much to me," or "thank you for all you mean to me."

May 20-26, Love in Action was doing a favor — expressing love by baking a cake, sharing a book, or doing a kind deed for someone.

May 27-31, Love in Action was making a visit — at least one visit to a fellow church member never visited before and at least one visit to a prospective member.

The project was carried out with a great deal of enthusiasm.

Rev. Charles Gentry is pastor of the church, and Dale Oden is minister of education.



Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record



Calvary, Tupelo's Winners In Bible Explorers' Drill

Pictured are sixteen young people of Calvary Church, Tupelo, who participated in the State Bible Explorer's Drill on May 7. Fourteen of them were State winners and two were Associational winners. Left to right front row: Fulton Thompson, Alan Merritt, Scott Ramsey, Bart Ramsey, Tim Breeding, Colin Maloney. Left to right second row: Laura White, Sandi Stewart, Marcy McCord, Susan Thompson, Kathy Merritt, Janet Dennis, Patricia Wood, Barbara McClellan, Angela Whaley, Molly Lyons.

Shady Grove Pastor

Rev. Farris Smith has accepted the pastorate of Shady Grove, Hazlehurst. He goes from Magee's Creek, Walthall County.

In Walthall County, he was associational Brotherhood Director and on the Associational Nominating Committee.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. His wife is the former Gaye Alford of Tylertown, and they have two children, Mike and Mandy. His new address is Rt. 1, Hazlehurst, Ms. 39083.

Calhoun City Homecoming To Feature Concert

Homecoming Day will be held at Calhoun City's First Church July 8. The day's activities will include: Sunday School at 10:00, worship at 11, followed with dinner on the church lawn. A reception for former pastors will be held from four until five-thirty o'clock. A vocal concert will be presented at 8 p.m. featuring the two daughters of the church's director of music, Mrs. Edward A. (Minnie Lee) Pryor, and Mr. Pryor. The daughters are, Mrs. T. C. (Ada Gwin) Buford of Glendora and Mrs. Lee Pryor Elsea of Memphis. All members, former members, and friends of the church are invited.

Midway Calls Pastor

Midway Church, George County, has called Rev. Nelson Fortenberry former Clarke student, Mr. Fortenberry as pastor. Native of Magee and former Clarke student, Mr. Fortenberry moved from Burnside at Philadelphia.

He is married to the former Josephine Jones of Magee. They have three children, Ronnie, 12, Mical Ann, 8, and Jackie Lynn, 6.

You are being watched! "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

Newton Girl To Serve In San Blas Islands

Mary Ann Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Myers of Newton, will serve as a volunteer nurse at the Baptist Hospital on the San Blas Island of Alligand, during the summer.

A graduate of Mississippi College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Miss Myers is a member of Liberty Church, near Newton, where she serves as assistant pianist and where Rev. J. B. Costilow is pastor.

Dr. Daniel Gruver is the Southern Baptist missionary under whose direction the young Newtonian will be working. She left June 18, for her summer's work on the small group of islands off the coast of Panama. The San Blas population consists mainly of an Indian community noted for their skill in working with decorative cloth.

Miss Myers plans to work at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson upon her return to Mississippi.

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Correction: Abbeville

Gave \$221.51, Not \$60

In the Baptist Record of June 7, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering report was printed with the amount from each church. Abbeville Church was listed as giving \$60.05. The church sent in \$221.51.

Rev. Millard L. Swinney is pastor.



Shelby Burns Note

First Church, Shelby, recently burned the note on the education building and fellowship hall remodeling. Paying this note left the church building and grounds free of indebtedness, on the 81st anniversary Sunday of the church. Burning the note are Johnny Gorden and John Hobbs, vice-chairman and chairman of deacons. Looking on is pastor Charles R. Farmer.

Moves To Ecru

Rev. Charles Stubblefield is the new pastor of the Ecru Church.

His last pastorate was with Crowder Church, Quitman Association, from November, 1966, until June, 1973. Other pastorates of his have been in Panola, Tate, Union, and Tippah Counties.

New In Montana

Rev. Curtis Ellis, former pastor of First Church, Raymond, Ms., is the new pastor of Emmanuel Church, Billings, Montana.

"Be noble, and the nobleness that lies in other men, sleeping, but never dead, will rise in majesty to meet thine own." — Lowell.

"To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

McDowell Road Church Gives Car To Pastor

On Sunday, June 10, McDowell Road Baptist Church celebrated its 19th anniversary. On this day, the people of the church presented the pastor with a Chrysler Newport. The car was presented commemorating the 10th anniversary of the pastor. Pictured is Deacon Bid Owens (left) presenting the keys to the pastor, Rev. John C. Hilbun, in front of church.



Swiss Catholics Outnumber Protestants

Switzerland counted more Catholics than Protestants for the first time in 1972. Church population figures for the year showed 3.09 million Catholics over against 2.99 million Protestants.

Names In The News

How does your church become the fastest growing church in its denomination? What are the secrets of successful church renewal? These are perhaps two of the questions that Rev. Fred Trexler Jr. of So. Louisville Baptist Church in Louisville has answered recently. Along with some two hundred other ministers from twenty-three different denominations, Rev. Trexler attended a six day clinic (May 11-16) sponsored by Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The topic: Evangelism and church growth.

Double Springs Church, Maben has called Rev. Carl Nickels, pictured, as interim pastor.

Mr. Nickels previously served as associate pastor at Double Springs. He was interim pastor for New Hope, Starkville, preceding his present call. He is married to Mrs. Mary Crowley.

They have one son, Vick, who serves the church as choir director. Carl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nickels of Maben. Rev. Raymond Glover, pastor of Silver Glyn Church, Jacksonville, Florida, makes the following statement: "Nickels is a fine preacher. It was a joy beyond compare to have honor of being his pastor. I recommend him highly to any church in need of his services."



Ronnie Bullard, of Sylacauga, Alabama, is now pastoring Wahalak Church, Wahalak. He is attending summer school at Clarke College and he and his wife, (pictured) Marcella, a registered nurse at Newton Hospital, make their home on the Clarke campus.

Tom E. Prevost, a 1973 master of divinity graduate at Golden Gate Seminary, was given the "Broadman Seminary Award in Biblical Studies," during Seminary commencement June 8. Broadman Press awards a set of the "Broadman Commentary" annually to the "Outstanding Student in Biblical Studies" from each of the Southern Baptist seminaries. Prevost, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Prevost of Hazlehurst, earned the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College. He will continue studies at the University of Chicago Divinity School, working toward the Ph.D.

Rev. James B. Brown, Vicksburg native licensed by the Calvary Church there, has accepted a call as pastor of Ford City Baptist Church, Route 1, Sheffield, Alabama 35660, effective June 24. For the past two years he has been pastor of Hopewell Church, Savannah, Tenn.

Ralph C. Atkinson, Jr., vice-president of Ottawa University (Baptist), Ottawa, Kans., has been elected dean of the school of religious education at Southern Seminary, effective July 1. He will succeed Ernest J. Loessner, who retires this summer after 20 years on the faculty and four years as dean. Atkinson, a native of Mississippi, is a graduate of Mississippi College. He holds the bachelor of divinity degree and completed residence studies toward the doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary. He earned the doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Michigan. (He has also been assistant to the president of Mississippi College.)



Allen Raines has accepted the position of music director for Parkway Church, Hernando. Mr. Raines and his wife Nettie, pictured, moved to Parkway from Fairlawn Church, Memphis, where he served as music director. He is a native of New Albany, and has attended Memphis State University. He is presently a member of Bluff City Singers, gospel singing group from Memphis. Rev. Aaron Lewis is pastor at Parkway.



West Tallahatchie church, Union County, now two years old, has ordained four deacons — the first to be ordained there. The four are shown with the pastor, left to right: Larry Coffey, Darrell Potts, Rev. Kenny Adair, pastor, Wright Moore, and Fred Churchill. O. P. Moore also a deacon; has served since becoming a member of the church in August, 1972. The church has a membership now of 137.

Bob Neely is summer minister of youth of First Church, Clinton. He is a third year student at Southwestern Seminary and will receive his Master of Divinity degree in December 1973. He graduated from East Texas Baptist College and has served in churches in Texas and Oklahoma, as associate pastor, minister of youth and music, and has been active in bus ministry. Rev. Bill Baker is pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. George W. Garrison of Ripley have been appointed by the Home Mission Board to serve as Christian Service Corps workers in the State Baptist Convention in Ohio. Rev. Arthur Walker, mission director of the convention, assigned them to serve at the Forest Ridge Baptist Chapel in Dayton. The Garrisons began their services there on June 10. This is the fourth summer the Garrisons have worked in the Christian Service Corps.

The Mississippi College Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of Dr. Edward McMillan of Pineville, La., as professor of history and head of the department of history and political science at the college. Dr. McMillan, formerly chairman of the history and political science department at Louisiana College and a native of Kosciusko, joined the Mississippi College faculty at the start of summer school in June.

Denise Tyson has recently been called as music-youth director of Bethel Church, Hazlehurst. A former member of Southern Hills Church, Jackson, Denise also serves as a youth counselor at Jackson Youth Detention Center, and will work with the E. J. Daniels Evangelistic Association for two weeks this summer. She is a senior at Provine High, Jackson, and plans to attend Clarke College upon graduation. Rev. Doug Warren is pastor of Bethel.



Hanging Moss Church of Jackson on June 17 licensed to the Gospel ministry Walter Patrick Grayson. Mr. Grayson, left, becomes the first young man to be licensed by the young church. The picture shows him being presented the certificate of license by his pastor, Dr. Robert H. Perry.

Becker Church has called Raiford Bullock as minister of music and youth. The Bullocks, pictured, moved to Becker from Corinth where Raiford served as youth director of East Corinth Church and Mildred taught in the Corinth Schools. Before moving to Becker, Raiford served churches in Alcorn, Tippah, Benton and Smith Counties. He holds a B. A. degree from Blue Mountain. His wife is also a graduate of Blue Mountain. They have one son, Brian, five. Rev. Coye Marbutt is Becker pastor.

Rev. Tom Littlejohn recently accepted the pastorate of Mt. Zion Church, Rt. 3, Eupora, Ms. 39744. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Littlejohn of Pontotoc. A 1970 graduate of Mississippi College, he has held positions at St. Louis, Mo., and at St. Louis, Mo. (Choctaw).

W. D. Lofton of Brookhaven, who serves as the Mississippi member of the SBC Education Commission, attended the annual meeting of the Commission, June 25, at the Southern Baptist Convention Building, Nashville, Tennessee. He is a member of the Commission's budget committee.